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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

IN RE:

JAIME CRUZ AGOSTO

Debtor.

97-08373  
Case No. 97-08372 (GAC)  
Chapter 7

**UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO  
DEBTOR'S APPLICATION TO RETAIN ATTORNEY**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, C. David Butler, the United States Trustee ("U. S. Trustee") for Region 21 and objects to the debtor's Application for Leave to Retain Attorney.

In support of this objection, the U. S. Trustee respectfully represents and alleges as follows:

1. That pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §327(e), the trustee must submit the application to employ special counsel for the estate of the debtor.
2. The application of the debtor to retain special counsel does not comply with Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a).

WHEREFORE, the United States Trustee respectfully prays that this Court deny debtor's Application for Leave to Retain Attorney.

I hereby certify that on this same date a copy of this Objection has been mailed to counsel for debtor, Hiram Lozada, Esquire, Teachers Association Building, Suite 400, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico,

cc: debtor

H. Lozada  
UST  
W. Lugo  
Zelke

ORDER

Granted.

Date:

MAR 12 2000

GERARDO A. CARLO  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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Application to retain  
counsel is  
denied.

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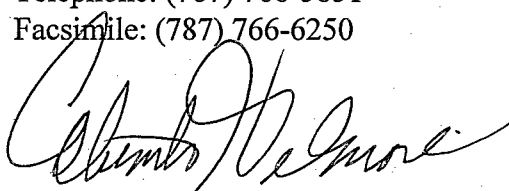
00918, and Mr. John A. Zerbe, Trustee, 165 DeDiego Avenue, San Francisco Rio. Piedras, Puerto Rico, 00927.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 29th day of February, 2000.

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U. S. TRUSTEE FOR REGION 21

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